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Fire-Resistive Construction Behind Bathtubs and Shower Stalls

Interpretations of State and Local Building Codes
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I. Uniform Building Code Requirements

Walls required to be of fire-resistive construction by Table No. 6-A of the Uniform Building Code shall have continuous fire protection behind all bathtubs and shower enclosures.

II. Exceptions

One-hour fire protection, however, may be omitted from walls behind steel or cast iron shower enclosures and tubs provided such walls do not require protected openings (i.e., other than corridor walls, occupancy separation walls, shaft enclosures, mechanical room walls, etc.).